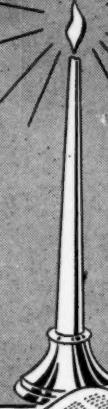


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This church is to be dedicated Sunday, April 27. A cordial invitation is extended all former pastors, as well as any one else who can come, to be with them on this day of rejoicing. Rev. A. H. Batts is the pastor.

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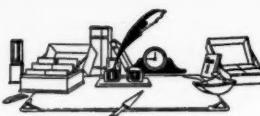
I am open for revivals from June to September 1. Anyone desiring to book me, may contact me at Trailerville, B. T. S. and College, Sevierville, Tenn. I will consider any church anywhere.—Rev. Dewey G. Kitchen.

If Rev. and Mrs. Nevitt Evans see this notice, please write to Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Howe, West Devon, Prince Edward Island, Canada.

CORRECTION

In the recent six months' report on state groups, shown on page 10, of April 5 Evangel, for Oklahoma, under Group D, the number added to the Church should have been 86 instead of 6.

CORRECTION: Evangel, March 29, subject: "Ye Must Be Born Again," accredited to L. L. Beasley, should not have read, "Pastor, Jesup, Ga." Rev. W. L. Swilley is pastor at Jesup.



**from the . . .
GENERAL OVERSEER'S DESK**

A few days ago, I received a letter from Brother G. R. Watson, pastor of Riverside church in Atlanta, Ga., telling of the way God is blessing them. Brother Watson pastored this church for a number of years before he was made state overseer of Missouri. After completing his overseership, he returned to take up the pastorate of the same church. The following is an excerpt from his letter:

"The Lord is blessing our efforts at Riverside. We have had two good revivals since the Assembly, and a continuous revival spirit in our regular services. Some have been saved or blessed in most every week-end service. Many who had drifted away, some fine new people, and some of the worst drunkards in town have been saved and are going on with God.

"Our Sunday School has doubled in attendance. It has been running from 200 to 344. We want to buy a bus for this department soon. In addition to our regular Y.P.E. services, we organized our young people into groups—'Youth and Evangelism, Youth and Missions, Youth and Music, Youth and Literature, and Youth and Prayer.' Services are being held in the homes, city prison, streets, and wherever there is an open door. Literature is being distributed in the hospitals, homes and on the streets. Prayer is going up day and night for souls and for an old-time Pentecostal revival. The Music Group is on the job, and our Foreign Missions Group, under the leadership of Brother Johnnie Owens, who had the privilege to visit several countries while in service, including Egypt and the Holy Land, and to see

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The Church of God building, 501 N. Market Street, Chattanooga, Tenn., just completed, is modern in every way, costing approximately \$70,000. It is built of brick and steel framework. The main auditorium is 45x72 feet, a full-sized basement, and a 32x82 two-story educational department for Sunday School. The seventeen classrooms are completed, and will seat from 25 to 200. It has a nice chapel and baptistry in the basement. The building is heated with a hot-air furnace, with

the need of missions, is working especially hard. Since the first of the year, this group alone has raised close to \$400. They plan to build a church in China, hoping to win many souls to Jesus.

"Most of all, we are teaching, preaching, praying, and working for a spiritual church, one in which God can have His way; not formality nor fanaticism, but the real power and presence of God; a church whose members live a clean, consistent, consecrated life, yielded to God to receive His gifts and consecrated to Him, bearing the fruit of the Spirit."

In another letter from Brother Hoyt Odom, pastor of the Rossville, Ga., Church of God, he states that in the last three years, since he has been there, the membership has increased more than five times what it was when he went there. The Sunday School has increased from 35 and 40 to 286 for last Sunday, running up near the top of the Sunday School list in Georgia. The tithes have increased from approximately \$100 per month until now some months they run \$800. He has been broadcasting for two years over one of the larger stations in Chattanooga, proving a blessing to many, and the church there is sponsoring two young men in the Bible Training School and College this term.

Incidentally, Brother Odom states that he began as a member of the Riverside church, with Brother G. R. Watson as overseer of the Atlanta District. The record of these two brethren shows what a pastor can do when he has the courage to take the initiative and a fine congregation to back him.

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April 27, fourth Sunday, is the date set for dedication. They are expecting this to be a day of rejoicing, and extend to one and all a most cordial invitation to be with them. Rev. H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer, will preach the dedicatory message. All former pastors are invited to attend. The service will start at 9:00 a.m.

They have a thirty-minute radio program daily, 11:15 a.m., WAPO, 5000 watts, 1150 on dial. Rev. A. H. Batts is the pastor of this nice church.

The Preparation and Pursuit of the Ministry

By REV. JAMES B. REESOR

"STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD" are words that have become familiar to most of us. It is my purpose to use this quotation, along with the entire verse of 2 Timothy 2:15, in arranging three divisions for this message.

The ministry of Christ, so redolent of heavenly influence, has permeated the lives of millions with effusive glory, eternal and ethereal. His ministry in all of its vivifying aspects, has made life beautiful for those who have accepted His grace. God in His wisdom decreed that we should have a part in this ministry, not only in its sacrificial phase, but also in its glory. We may never be called upon to lay down our lives as martyrs, but we have been called to lay them down in loving service.

Since the inception of Christianity, godly men have sought to qualify for service. They have not chosen their field of labor, but have sought the Lord for His guidance, feeling that His choice was superior. They have willingly and humbly served as the opportunity for service presented itself. Christ instructed His followers preparatory to their ministry and since His ascension He has provided instructors, pastors, evangelists, teachers, and others, to continue His ministry. The promulgation of the gospel is depending on the church today. While the Lord has provided the power and other necessary materials for this great spiritual construction, men must supply the service. Our degree of success is augmented or diminished by the preparation we, as Christian workers, make to carry on this work.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God" not only has reference to the attaining of knowledge, but also

of seeking to attain a higher degree of spirituality. If we would be approved in the sight of God, we must grow in grace as well as the knowledge of the Lord.

"A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED." Paul, the great apostle, great because of his relationship to and attitude toward the ministry of Christ, undeniably became one of the greatest, if not the greatest, Christian educators of his day, or any other day. His ideal was not the learned Gamaliel, the eminent teacher at whose feet he was instructed, but Christ. Paul declared that he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, and from considering the record of his ministerial accomplishments we conclude that he had no cause to be ashamed of his work. While he made no boast of his outstanding victories, he was nevertheless careful to vindicate his apostleship. It is possible for the minister of the gospel to so prepare himself, conduct himself, and carry on his ministry as not to be ashamed. If we appropriate, through faith, the provisions offered by the Lord, for successfully equipping ourselves, we have every right to expect success in our field of endeavor. The life and ministry that fails to exude the spirit and compassion of Christ is failing in its purpose. As Christian workers we are solemnly obligated to wholly dedicate our lives to this earthly ministry.

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH." To save ourselves the possible future embarrassment of changing our theology, wisdom decrees that we carefully and prayerfully form our conclusions by what "thus saith the Lord." Should we find it necessary to repeatedly unpreach and unteach our previous doctrinal

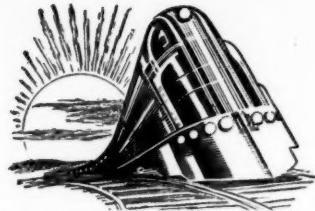
conclusions, we shall eventually convince our congregations that we have been guilty of an unskillful ministry. It is true that their confidence in our ability will be shaken and our influence weakened. In an endeavor to sensationalize, prophetic speakers have deserted scriptural truths and approached the borders of unsound, human reasoning. Consequently, their results in the ministry have not been desirable and men's faith in the Word and the ministry has been shaken. Men who will forsake their unscriptural conclusions and humbly accept that teaching which can be definitely substantiated by scripture, are to be commended. We are admonished by John the apostle to walk in the light. To stubbornly cling to what we may once have believed to be truth, when we have insufficient scriptural evidence for believing so, is certainly not "rightly dividing the word of truth."

A united, prayerful effort to rightly divide the Word of Truth, that we might stand together on a scriptural foundation, will give us a faith in the Lord and a confidence in each other that will never fail. The ministers of the gospel of Christ are facing a tremendous challenge today. Our cause is hopeless unless we constantly conform to the teachings laid down by our Lord concerning our attitude toward one another. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, has enumerated some of the practical results of love in the Christian life. His words are recorded in 1 Corinthians 13.

Since the reward for faithful service is certain, we can afford to profit again by Paul's admonition to Timothy, 2 Tim. 2:15.

BIBLE GLINTS and Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



MEDITATION . . . By M. S. Lemons

The great tribulations are shaking the nations!

This is the beginning of sorrow;

The millions are dying, the saints are all crying,
"Lord, what will it be on the morrow?"

The tribes of each nation are in desperation!

Lord, help us, thy servants, be ready;

The children are straying, the parents delaying,
Yet Thou art unchanging and steady.

If, at the trump's blowing, we're ready for going

At last to our home up in glory;

With saints we'll be singing while arches are ringing
Redemption's sweet wonderful story!

This promise is given to those who have striven

To enter that paradise royal:

"I'll come back some morning with brightness
adorning;

Come back for the faithful and loyal."

READ THE BIBLE

This year one million people will receive in the mail a sheet of Bible Seals from the American Bible Society, in its promotion of the 9th annual Bible Seal campaign. An intensified program has been inaugurated this year necessitated by the need for funds to meet the many calls for scriptures that press the Society from all parts of the world.

"Read the Bible," is the slogan adopted for the 1947 Seals. On the brown background four different designs are shown, the reading of the Bible on the farm, in the home, in the factory, and in the office. The sheets of one hundred Seals are supplied at one dollar each. And what are some of the needs?

From the Belgian Congo in Africa come words of thanks for the printing of the Gospel of St. Luke in Commercial Kikongo. "Our appreciation is inexpressible indeed," wrote a missionary to the Bible Society. "It has been practically impossible to get Scriptures in any language whatever during the past year. We will ever be grateful to you for this assistance in getting the gospel out and in evangelizing and winning these peoples to Christ."

"In my parish there are more than 5,000 members," writes a pastor from Germany, "who have been expelled from their native place, Pommern, by the Polish authorities and are robbed in their departure of their last goods and chattels. They are being sheltered in iron barracks; they have neither a chair nor table; many people have arrived without shoes and stockings who used to be farmers in good circumstances before they were driven out. But many of them come to me with the lament, that their greatest grief is the loss of their Bibles and prayer book by the Poles or the Russians. I am thankful that through your present gift I can give to some of these friends the Book of books."

"Success of our endeavor in reconstruction depends largely upon the possibility of bringing the Gospel back in-

to the homes of our population," writes the secretary of the Bremen Evangelical Church, located in the British Zone. "Therefore every Bible has an inestimable value."

"Possibilities Unlimited," is the way a chaplain described the opportunities for the Bible Society in Japan. To meet this challenge, the Bible Society is in the process of publishing 1,500,000 Japanese New Testaments and 100,000 whole Bibles, thousands of which have already reached Japan. It is expected that during this year, the original request for 2,500,000 Testaments will be met and exceeded.

These are but a few of the important tasks on which the Bible Society is working. Every letter that carries a little brown Bible Seal, put there by someone who believes, not only in the "Reading of the Bible," but in sharing it also, brings the goal of the Bible Society that much nearer completion.—*American Bible Society.*

FULL-GOSPEL BROADCAST

Monday night, March 31, at 9:00 p.m., central standard time, the General Overseer, John C. Jernigan, inaugurated the Full-Gospel Broadcast over the powerful station in Del Rio, Texas. This Good Neighbor station reaches all over the United States, as well as several foreign countries. Each night as Brother Jernigan preached unequivocally the old-time Pentecostal Gospel, there was rejoicing in the fact that God had given a people, who would not dare to compromise on the doctrines of the Word of God, an opportunity to send it forth to every nook and corner of the country where hungry souls could be led into the way of truth. The response has been very encouraging, and we expect the program to grow in popularity and momentum as it is carried on night after night, every Monday through Friday. Brother Jernigan is very enthusiastic over his participation in this great venture, and as others of our outstanding ministers preach the old-time message over this program, we trust that God will be with them and give them the gospel the world needs.

Tune in 1570 on your dial, 9:00 to 9:15 every night, Monday day through Friday. Theme song: "Send the Light."

This is a faith program, supported entirely by friends of Christ. Help share the gospel, "Send the Light," to the millions. Please send all offerings to the Full-Gospel Broadcast, Del Rio, Texas.—*Editor.*

TROUBLES

I've got a heap of troubles and I've got to work them out;
But I look around and see there's trouble all about.
And when I see my troubles, I just look up and grin,
And count all the trouble that I'm not in.

—O—

MY CARE

It is His will that I should cast my care on Him each day—
He who bids me not to cast my confidence away.
But oh, how foolishly I act, when taken unaware—
I cast away my confidence and carry all my care.

—*Anon.*

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13, 14.

INTRODUCTION: The Apostle Paul is saying, "Brethren, I count not myself to have attained or laid hold of all that the Lord has for me." I

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am paraphrasing, however this is the substance of what he had reference to. **THIS ONE THING I DO.** Paul said, "... but this one thing I do."

Paul has been at the business of distributing spiritual legacies down through the centuries. You may ask, How did he do it? I think we have for the present, part of the answer. He was a specialist. He was concerned about one special thing. Life becomes mighty only as all its energies are concentrated upon the doing of one thing. When the water falls from a cloud upon the mountainside, it possibly falls so softly it would not hurt the tender face of a baby; but, when that water is concentrated into one force, it is able to move this same mountain by great pressure. It can then say, "This one thing I do." When we, too, concentrate our efforts, we may say, "This one thing I do." Not only was Paul a man of purpose, but that purpose was altogether worthy.

To what end was he striving? For what was he giving his life away? This is his answer, "That I may lay hold of that for which I was laid hold of by Jesus Christ." The day that Christ arrested Paul on the road to Damascus, He laid hold of him. The Lord had a purpose in mind—But, "Rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee." Acts 26:16. Christ not only purposed the making of Paul, but he purposed the making of Paul into a minister. Paul was a member of the Sanhedrin Council, who had sat at the feet of

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Overseer of Minnesota and Wisconsin

Gamaliel. (A very desirable place for students of that day to learn, was at the feet of Gamaliel.) Even though he was one of the best educated men of his day—this man of scholastic training—the Lord had to make him into a minister. The Lord was doing one thing and that was making Paul into a minister and causing him to become His witness. Yes, Paul had one thing in mind. The reason many individuals have failed along the way is because they did not have one thing in mind. Many souls would have been won to God that have not been won, all because the preacher would not cut loose from the shore line, launch out into the deep, and have one thing in mind.

FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND

This does not mean that Paul forgot everything that was behind. He did not blot out his past altogether, and leave it a perfect blank. There

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were some things of yesterday he dared not throw into the wastebasket, perhaps some unpaid bills—you don't want to forget that. Neither do you want to forget the wrongs you might have inflicted upon someone last year. Do not forget the apology you should make. You will never find peace as long as you cling to that which is not rightfully yours.

Many years ago an evangelist was holding a meeting in Chicago. A very wealthy bachelor, who was a member of a prominent church, attended these services. He preached a sermon on restitution. That sermon brought home to the conscience of this wealthy bachelor a great sin committed in the hot-blooded days of his youth. A woman had been wronged by him. She slept now in a distant grave. But there were two children, a boy and a girl. They had been put in an orphans' home. The bachelor went for these children. The girl had died but the boy he brought to his palatial home. As they sat together the first night, he said to the boy:

"Son, do you think you could ever love your father, though he did your mother a great wrong?" The boy answered, "I do not know." The man said, "Put your arms around my neck and call me father." This he did. The man testified he found Jesus through the clinging arm of the son.

Do not forget your unrighted wrong. God has not forgotten and you must not forget. Do not forget flowers someone sent you yesterday and the little kindness shown to you in the past. Do not forget the sympathy that helped to dry your tears when you were in the midst of great grief. Do not forget the hand that has steadied you and kept you from falling. Do not forget the mercy of the Lord that has been shown to you in the past.

There are some things we need to forget. I would advise you to throw away the wrongs you have suffered in the past. If someone wrote you an encouraging letter, keep that; you may need it when the rain is on the roof. Has someone injured you, deceived you, cheated you, or done you a great wrong? If so, forget it. If you remember it, the memory will harden into hate. Throw into Paul's wastebasket the record of your past failures, mistakes, etc. Only remember them to the extent that you will not fail in the same place next time. Don't try to live your failures and mistakes again. Forget those things which are behind. It was a terrible failure the disciples made when they went into Gethsemane to watch with Jesus and they failed to watch and went to sleep. They slept until the Son of Man

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was betrayed into the hands of sinners. But, what did Jesus say? "Rise, let us be going." If you have failed in the past, make things right with God and man, and rise up and let us be going. No doubt Paul had many things to forget. He probably would have liked to forget the stoning of Stephen, and how he was a persecutor of the Christians. He knew the experience of forgetting those things which are behind.

WHY SHOULD WE FORGET?
The reason Paul urges us to forget
(Continued on page 15)

The GOOD SHEPHERD

In Matt. 18:12, Jesus said, "How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth not he leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?" So does the blessed Savior seek those who have strayed from His fold. So many times the Shepherd has to go into the dark night, in cold, rain or snow, and when He hears the voice of the little one crying, perhaps down some steep cliff or mountain-side, the Good Shepherd makes His way down, gently gathers the lost one into His arms with great joy, because He has found the one whom He loved and cared for, until it strayed off into the darkness alone.

Perhaps you are the one who has strayed from your heavenly Father's keeping, lost in the world of sin. Then, my Friend, Christ is seeking and listening to hear your repenting cry, and to welcome you back into His fold. Yes, He is seeking for you, just as a shepherd seeks his lost sheep.

Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

No doubt there have been times when you were in danger, so much so that you, yourself, actually wondered how you escaped. That was God's love extending to you another chance to get right with God. No doubt you made Christ a promise then, but somehow you failed to be true to your promise. Have you forgotten? God never forgets, and He's waiting and watching for you to repent and keep that promise.

Friend, what will your answer be to God? How can you go on offending Christ, the one who, on a cruel cross, bowed His head and said, "It is finished," that you and I might be saved from sin and hell? Oh, I would to God that I had accepted Him before I did! You, too, will see wasted time, time to regret, when Jesus comes into your heart. But oh, that time cannot be recalled; it is forever wasted and gone. Don't let your time and life be wasted for the devil. Your soul is precious, and

will have to spend eternity somewhere. Where would it be should God call you now?

Those precious hands that were scarred for you and me, will sometime beckon to us for the last time and that small voice will sometime say for its last time, Matt. 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." What if you wait too late? Then God's love and mercy will be turned to anger against you. Isa. 5:25, "Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people, and he has stretched forth his hand against them, and has smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcases were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still." Instead of a gentle plea, "Come unto me," Christ will say, Luke 13:27, 28, "I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourself thrust out." It will be awful to see that loved one enter in to forever be with Jesus and you turned away. The only chance is to repent and turn to God. Just imagine hearing Christ say, Matt. 25:41, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." Oh, how we do want you to escape that awful place.

Perhaps you are a good, honest, moral person, but that will not take you to heaven. Only the blood of Christ can cleanse us from sin. Rev. 1:5. We must be born again. John 3:3-8. Jesus said to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, a man of high standing, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God." 1 Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed (that is of the flesh), but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

To you who have strayed from your Father's keeping, listen to these



*The Lord is
my shepherd; I
shall not want.*

Psalms 23:1

words: Jer. 3:22, "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God." Friend, He gives you an invitation to "return." What are you doing about it? David said in Psalms 27:10: "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." Christ is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. His concern for this sinful world was shown as He looked over Jerusalem, and said, Matt. 23:37, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" If you wait too long, destruction will suddenly come; then there will be no time to repent. Gen. 6:3 says, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." Now, while you are wondering what to do is the time. A few moments later that pleading Spirit might be gone; then the greatest opportunity of your life will be gone.

Ezekiel 34:11, "For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out." Behold means "look." Christ is seeking you now. If you are that one wandering in darkness, unprepared, why be any longer, when the blood of Christ will cover your sins, never to be remembered any more? Col. 1:14. Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man will hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Friend, now a loving Savior wants to come into your heart to give you peace, joy, and life everlasting in the kingdom of God. What will your answer be to Him? He is patiently waiting. My prayers go with this message for you.—Anon.

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary



News From Our **FOREIGN MISSIONS**



JAMAICA CONVENTION

Accepting an invitation from Ray Hughes, guest speaker, and Carl J. Hughes, superintendent of Bermuda and the West Indies, to attend the annual Jamaica Convention March 10-13, Brother Hughes and I motored to Miami where we were joined by U. D. Tidwell, overseer of Tennessee. All of us were received graciously by Brother and Sister Hughes in the beautiful mission parsonage in suburban Hialeah.

Thursday morning, March 10, our party, comprising Brother and Sister Carl Hughes, Brother Tidwell, Brother Ray Hughes, and I, took off from the Miami Air Terminal aboard a Pan-American World Airways DC-4, which was a fifty-five-passenger, four-motored ship. Four hours later, after a brief stopover in Camaguey, Cuba, we landed at the airport in Kingston, the capital city of the Island of Jamaica and the scene of what was to be the greatest convention in the history of the Church of God in Jamaica. We were welcomed at the airport by Leslie M. Gilpin, overseer of the Island, and wife, and Sister Alva Mae McClure, principal of the Bible School at Kingston, all flashing their best smiles, and conducted to our mission headquarters on Stony Hill, which is part of a range of mountains running east and west through the heart of the Island. We were made to appreciate the efforts of the Mission Board and others concerned in securing this comfortable home and surrounding properties for our mission headquarters.

On our arrival, the students of the Bible School located near by came out to the home and lined up in the yard to welcome us. While we stood on the veranda, a sextet sang several good songs. Reverend Barrett, native Jamaican minister and teacher in the School, spoke a few words of wel-

come, after which they all bowed politely and returned to their quarters. Having received such an inspirational reception, we were anxious to attend the opening service in the large Government-owned Ward Theatre building, which is the largest building on the Island, with a comfortable seating capacity of approximately 2,000. I say "comfortable" because many more than this figure were to crowd out the building before the convention roared to a great spiritual climax on Sunday night.

The convention started on Thursday night. We arrived at the auditorium with the "second load" and were ushered into a most glorious atmosphere. Space will not permit an account of all the wonderful scenes witnessed during this great gathering. We were struck from the beginning with the profound sincerity of the people in their worship, the evident stable organization of the native ministry and laity, and the well-planned management of the convention. We received a great welcome from the crowd, and could not help (nor did we try) but throw ourselves wholeheartedly into a spirit of abundant holiness worship unto God. Throughout the services, great waves of glory swept the congregations. It seemed that everybody was singing during the song services. The auditorium has two balconies, both of which were packed, and far back in the top balcony people were clapping their hands (even a policeman on duty at one of the exits), singing, praising God, and shouting. Especially noticeable amid the demonstration of God's Spirit was the order.

Brother Ray Hughes preached each evening under a mighty anointing that moved the congregations beyond anything that this writer has ever witnessed. Hundreds of seekers streamed into the altar, prayer rooms,



Rev. Bill Brown

and hallways each night in response to the story of Jesus. By Sunday night the building couldn't begin to seat the people. Aisles in both balconies were blocked with people standing. Total attendance inside the building was variously estimated at figures between 2,500 and 3,000. The doors were closed shortly after the service started, to hold back the crowd, and we were told that far more than a thousand people were turned away.

Gifts were presented to all the visitors with typical Jamaican politeness, and native hats were sent to Sister Tidwell and Sister Jernigan. A lamp made of native wood was given to Brother Ray Hughes for his wife. Brother Hughes preached on "The Baptism of the Holy Ghost," and he was afire with holy zeal. Approximately fifteen minutes before he concluded his message, a young woman got up and walked quietly down the aisle and onto the rostrum. A native preacher pointed to the stairway off-stage leading to a number of upper rooms. She disappeared up the stairs and, in a few minutes, we could hear quite a few voices praying in the upper rooms. I pushed my way through the standing throng and made my way upstairs. Native preachers were already on the job, helping and instructing the seekers. I counted ten men in one room and a like number of women in another room, all earnestly seeking God. Others were continuously coming from the balconies,

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In considering this text and the foregoing 16 verses of this chapter, it is well to keep in mind the fact that man has the faculty for putting down as fantastic and impossible any and everything not thoroughly understood nor completely clear to them. We hear the men of Henry Ford's day declare his plan for running horseless carriages in huge numbers as an idle dream, a rich man's folly, etc., yet today we see the automobile as one of the greatest helps men have at their disposal. Why? Because the Bible, in Nahum 2:4, declared it would be so. How well I remember twenty-odd years ago, of reading a glowing account of a device called radio, being tested in Cincinnati, whereby music or speaking could be heard for miles. "Foolish," declared my father. "Impossible and absurd, utterly fantastic," said the skeptics. But not long after, father purchased one, the other skeptics did likewise, and who in all America today would say the radio was an impossibility? And so it goes, but whether we believe or not, whether we accept or reject it, God's Word is true, and the prophecies written therein will come to pass.

As we look at our text, there are two important questions we wish to consider, two points we would desire to bring out. The first of these and perhaps the most important is, WHOSE WRATH IS ABOUT TO BE POURED OUT? When this 17th verse takes place, the tribulation period is drawing to a close, the Church of God (born-again men and women) has been raptured, and the world, without God's love, His mercy, or His people, is indeed in a terrible state. The sun has turned as black as sack-cloth, and the moon, heretofore something beautiful and wonderful to behold, has turned into blood. The stars of heaven are falling from their very sockets, as though a windstorm shakes the figs or other fruit to the ground. The heavens are now opened as a scroll and the mountains and the four islands are shaken by an earthquake that will make the atomic bomb seem as nothing in comparison. Why? Because God has tried preaching, pleading, and begging; He has tried peace and war, prosperity and poverty, to cause men and women to pray unto Him, and all has failed. It will, therefore, take something above the average to cause them to be aware of the existence of God, and, brother,

THE WRATH OF

By Reverend C. B. Mullins

Isaiah 13:6-11; Revelation 6:17



this is it. Men and women who have never bowed their knees in prayer, who have never confessed that God was a reality, are bowing now confessing. But we notice, according to the 16th verse, that those who have laughed, mocked, scoffed, and belittled God, now are ashamed to call on Him, afraid to pray to Him, and instead are crying out to the rocks and the mountains to hide them, to shelter them, to save them. But alas, it's too late.

Friend, what good will your hoarded, ill-gotten wealth do you in that day? Will your worldly and ungodly friends be able to rescue you in that day? I tell you of a certainty you had better get right with God. Some have come to the place where their wisdom and knowledge are so great, and their wealth so vast, that God seems small in comparison. But, let us look into the first chapter of the Bible, and consider there for a moment the size, the power, the wisdom, and the magnitude of God. We see the world a bleak, black, and void object, without form, and in a chaotic condition, and at a "word from God there was light." Can man, or rather has man, ever done as much? Behold the stars at night, millions, yes, trillions of them, and two-thirds of them greater in size than the planet we know as earth. God, without the aid of man and machinery, placed each one in its orbit, and causes them to hang there and give light. Heaven, that defies man's description, was planned, laid out, and built by this divine being, God. Earth with its millions of forests, thousands of miles of rivers, creeks, etc., was built entirely by Him. He scooped out the valleys and piled up the sand and called them moun-

tains. He placed the great oceans in their positions and then created the fish and mammals to inhabit them. He stocked the earth with every animal, insect, and fowl necessary for man's welfare. The 31st verse tells us that it was not just fair, not even very well, not just passable, but that it was "VERY GOOD." When all else was in readiness and completed, God then created man from the ground (Gen. 2:7), and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils and he became a living soul. He then put this man to sleep and from his rib created a "help meet" for him, because out of all the fish, fowl, and animals of Eden, not a help meet could be found for Adam. God gave them Eden, a veritable paradise in which to live, love, and worship God; a perfect place, a perfect people, and a perfect God.

Some have voiced the opinion that a holy, a just, and a righteous God would never pour out His wrath upon the nations as outlined in Revelation, 6th chapter. But notice the wrath and indignation of God, as He destroyed disobedient men and every living creature upon the earth save those in the ark with Noah. Genesis 6th chapter. See also the anger of God as He rains fire and brimstone upon the sin and wickedness of Sodom and Gomorrah. Genesis 19th chapter. Time and space will not permit my going into detail and recording instances of God's wrath poured out upon disobedient people. God is just as holy and righteous in His judgment as He is when He pardons a lost man or woman from a life of sin.

We notice Jesus, the Son of God, as He comes to the Temple and finds it corrupt and polluted with thieves

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and gamblers and moneychangers. He platted a whip or scourge and drove the ungodly from the Temple, denouncing them as thieves. Matt. 21:12; John 2:14-16. The same hands that overturned the moneychangers' tables and drove them out, softly and gently touched the fevered brow of Peter's mother-in-law and healed her instantly. He, too, lifted up the little children and blessed them.

One day our God will denounce sin from the world forever, and ungodliness and the unholy will experience the great wrath of an angry God. Others will doubtless say, "Yes, I believe God will some day denounce sin and pour out His wrath upon the sinner and the unsaved, but that doesn't apply to me. I go to church regularly. I pay my tithes. I'm all right." Well and good, my friend, to go to church, to pay your tithes, to be a good fellow, but have you been born again? John 3:3. Are you saved by the blood of Jesus Christ? You say, "Well, I think so, or I hope so," but you can know so without thinking or being told so. You can live in a world of sin without sinning, keep every commandment of God, and inherit an everlasting home in heaven. On the other hand, you can reject the Savior, put off salvation and be lost forever. Luke 16:24. Give us more preachers like John Wesley, Billy Sunday, and Gypsy Smith whose preaching, prayers, and lives caused hardhearted, gray-haired men and women to grip the edges of their seats until their fingernails bit into their flesh, and tears flowed from their eyes, so realistic were the pictures painted of the torments of hell and God's wrath.

Let us consider the second question of our text, WHY MUST GOD'S WRATH BE POURED OUT? Gen. 3:4. We have a man and his wife clothed with the skins of animals, their heads hung in shame, humiliation written all over them, being forcibly ejected from their home of perfection by a wrathful God. Why? Because they have done the thing they were told not to do; namely, they have sinned. See the angel with the flaming sword

placed at the entrance of the garden to keep out the wayward transgressors who have broken God's law. If man and Satan were able to do so today, they would build a race track around the throne of God, turn heaven into a dance hall, and behead every angel or child of God that stood in their way. Sin brought death, natural and spiritual, to Adam and Eve, and the same sin, unless repented of by man and forgiven by God, will bring everlasting condemnation and punishment to the present-day Adams and Eves. Most people's conception of sin is the gambler with a deck of cards or a pair of dice, a murderer, or any large and outlawed practice of evil; but it is also the little things that count with God, not so much what we do but what we fail to do. James 2:10, "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, yet offend in one POINT, he is guilty of all." The wrath of God will be poured out upon the disobedient men and women. We are either guilty or innocent, saved or lost, a saint or sinner, and we will inherit either heaven or hell, there is no middle ground. Yes, sin is the reason God's wrath will be poured out upon the earth and its inhabitants. It (sin) has filled the hospital wards, jails, penitentiaries, reformatories, and insane asylums, which have all prospered because of sin abounding in the world today and having control of the lives of men.

We may hide our sin from husbands, wives, neighbors, friends, and even our pastors, but what about God? He hears every conversation, attends every engagement; so to hide sin from God, therefore, is an impossibility. There is a place of safety, sinner friend, in Jesus Christ. He wants to be your Savior, keeper, and friend, a shelter in time of storm; a very present help in the time of trouble. Will you accept Him now, and escape the wrath that is to be loosed upon those who reject Him and turn Him away?

*"There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains."*

Isa. 26:20, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation (wrath of God) be overpast."

The Revealing of the Father

By S. F. ASH

Psalm 19:1-6.

Text: Psalm 19:4, "Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

"Their line," a cord so stretched as to emit a melodious sound, carrying the musical message of love to the entire universe, in the sweetest strain of melodies the ear of man shall ever hear the doctrine of God eternal, from the beginning to the ending of time.

Gen. 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

We believe that in the beginning of man God was a known fact and a reality to man.

Our text declares that the knowledge of God is universal. And before the creation of heaven, earth, or man, God, the infinite being, inhabited eternity. Psalm 90:2, "From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." 1 John 4:12, "No man hath seen God at any time."

The Hebrew word "Elohim," plural of "Eloah," Gen. 1:1, suggests the Trinity, meaning God, The Strong One. Exod. 3:14. Moses, when he found himself transfixed and near speechless in the presence of God, inquired after His name. The voice answered him, "I AM THAT I AM. Thou shalt say unto the children of Isarel, I AM hath sent me unto you." Yes, God talked with Moses from the bush that burned but was not consumed, giving out His name, thus revealing the personality of God, a living personality, a name which signifies "I am, I was, I shall be."

John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." God cannot be conceived as materialistic, for a spirit is not of material substance, but is understood to be an essential energy and life and thought and love. In a word, He is an Essential Person, who cannot be compared or likened or equaled with any person or being or substance, for there is nothing on earth that resembles Him.

Isa. 40:25, 26, "To whom then will

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JAMAICA CONVENTION

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outside doors, and unseen by those on the main floor, were making their ways to the prayer rooms. Approximately fifty were already praying upstairs when Brother Hughes finished his message. When he gave the altar call, it looked like the congregation had been dismissed, except that the throng was moving to the altar. From all over the building they streamed! It was wonderful! All available space before the rostrum was filled. All available space was utilized on the rostrum, but still they came! Seekers stood in line down the aisles and pushed their way single file up the steps to the prayer rooms. Brother Carl Hughes counted seventy in one room and there were seven rooms full! The hallway was full and it seemed that the air was full of the presence of God. Altar workers were plentiful. I saw no one sitting back talking to someone else, such as we see during our altar services here in the States. Everybody seemed to be interested in the altar service. The Christians that couldn't get near the altar to help the seekers, sang out of their hearts, and a heavenly atmosphere prevailed. Several native preachers were keeping a record of conversions. Their final report was in excess of 900 souls saved in four nights! There is no way of telling how many Christians were strengthened and the fire in their hearts rekindled. The native ministers were greatly blessed, and I am sure that future reports from Jamaica will be greater as these men of God return to their respective fields of labor.

The convention ended in a true missionary spirit. Brother Carl Hughes announced that Sister McClure, who had been granted a furlough to the United States because of her health, had decided to stay in Jamaica where her heart is. This announcement was met with much applause by the natives, for they dearly love Sister McClure. May we all pray that God will honor her sacrifice with healing.

To close this article without mentioning the inspiring message by Brother Tidwell on Friday night, Brother Carl Hughes' great doctrinal sermon on "The Church of God," the privilege afforded the writer by Brother Hughes and Brother Gilpin to preach to such a gospel-loving peo-

ple, the kind treatment received from the ministers and people of Jamaica, and our exceptionally pleasant stay in the home of Brother and Sister Gilpin, would be an injustice.

On Monday, we joined the students of the Bible School in a short devotional service before leaving for the airport.

Brother and Sister E. H. Potts, native Jamaicans, came to the airport to see us off. We waved good-bye to them, Brother and Sister Gilpin, and Sister McClure, and climbed aboard our plane. As Jamaica faded in the distance and we headed homeward, our hearts were filled with appreciation for those who have pioneered for the Church of God in our various mission fields, and for the folks at home who are giving and giving again in our great mission program.—Rev. Bill Brown, pastor, Benton, Illinois.

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| | Missions | Orphanage | |
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| | age | | |
| Alabama | \$6,045.65 | \$1,634.58 | |
| Arizona | 102.94 | 156.18 | |
| Arkansas | 134.70 | 272.79 | |
| California | 304.41 | 400.24 | |
| Canada | 506.49 | 5.57 | |
| Colorado | 32.32 | 32.80 | |
| Connecticut | 5.49 | 8.74 | |
| Delaware | 29.84 | 17.66 | |
| D. C. | 41.64 | 27.41 | |
| Florida | 2,376.55 | 1,914.55 | |
| Georgia | 1,675.85 | 1,210.55 | |
| | | TOTAL | \$33,693.16 |
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Healing for my wife; an unspoken request.—W. F. Rains, Middlesboro, Ky.

My complete healing.—Mrs. Sallie Genn, Egan, Ga.

My healing and that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Elbert Smith.

God to save my husband and children; that we may have a good revival.—Hattie Whitlow, Kelleysville, W. Va.

My healing; my husband and unsaved children.—Zella Sanger, Crab Orchard, W. Va.

The healing of my sister.—Lora Rider, Summerville, Ga.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure, which causes terrible pains in my head and neck.—Paul C. Rucker, Bucyrus, Ohio.

My healing of rheumatism and a stiff hip and a drawn limb; my unsaved children; healing for Brother Lague who has an enlarged heart; Brother Bushy who has kidney trouble and is in a critical condition; healing for George Lee and the Lord to save him and his four children and fill them with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Sarah L. Kratz, Houston, Texas.

Healing of my body. X-rays reveal it is a cancer or tumor under my heart.—A. L. Brown, Woodruff, S. C.

My husband, who is a sinner; my unsaved boys.—Ida Mae Brown, McMinnville, Tenn.

A very special unspoken request; my husband, that God will deliver him from the drink habit and restore unto him salvation.—Mrs. Albert Williams, Fruitland, Ala.

Healing for my mother and God to supply the needs of the family.—Miss Ruby Spence, Davierville, Ky.

A very dear friend to be saved and delivered from drinking; healing for my mother; my unsaved brother.—Miss Geraldine Hebb, Blissfield, Mich.

My five-year-old son, who can't hear or talk; an urgent request.—Mrs. Viola Roberts, Sesser, Ill.

Our little girl who is very sick with whooping cough; my baby.—Mrs. F. R. Mickler, Smartt, Tenn.

My healing. I have been sick all winter, not able to attend church.—J. F. Earp, Selma, N. C.

God to heal Mrs. Felix Lindsay, who is paralyzed and has been in bed five months; an unspoken request; my mother and dad.—Mrs. J. J. Lindsay, Hot Springs, Ark.

My husband to return home; our family who needs prayer; my father-in-law to be saved.—A reader.

My husband who is in the hospital with ulcers of the stomach; my unsaved children.—Mrs. Edward Herald, Tazewell, Va.

God to heal me of stomach trouble; my family.—Mrs. Ellen Tucker, Broxton, Ga.

A special request for my husband; a neighbor who is afflicted and unsaved.—Mrs. John H. Roberts, Toledo, Ohio.

My healing. I have been afflicted since a small child; the healing of mother and dad; my unsaved brothers and sisters.—Willie M. Ivey, Durham, N. C.

A very special unspoken request; healing and strengthening of my eyes; healing for my father who has high blood pressure.—Miss Alma Davis, Augusta, Ga.

The healing of Harold Henry in the U. S. Navy Hospital in San Francisco, Calif., who has a very serious trouble.—Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Henry, Flat River, Mo.

My daughter-in-law, who is suffering from a brain concussion caused in a wreck two months ago.—Mary Dean.

Healing for a man with heart trouble.

An unspoken request; my girl, who has drifted away from God; also a backslidden son-in-law.—A reader.

Me to be healed of T.B. of the bone. I have had the flu which has given me a backset.—Mrs. Voda Wood, Dalton, Ga.

Healing for my body. I have smothering spells and an awfully bad cough; healing for my baby; my unsaved husband and son; Mrs. Myrtle Whittaker, who is sick.—Mrs. Erma Gibson.

My daughter to be saved and she and her husband to unite again.—Mrs. May Milon, Fort Gay, W. Va.

Healing of one who has throat trouble.

My healing of high blood pressure; my spiritual need; our pastor's wife who is in bad health; an urgent unspoken request.—A reader.

Healing for Gloria Dean, Lonie and Matthew Terry, we have been sick about two weeks; our lost loved ones.

My son, who suffers very badly with hemorrhoids.—Oshie Collier, East Stone Gap, Va.

An important burden on my heart; my daughter and husband to be saved; my unsaved husband.—Mrs. Ben James.

A backslider; my husband to be saved; a very special unspoken request.—A reader.

My healing. I am a widow and have five children. I am in very bad health and the doctors have given me up. I need your prayers badly.—Mrs. Seade Williford, Dandridge, Tenn.

Us: Brother Whidden has sugar diabetes.—Sister Walter Whidden, Lake Placid, Fla.

A brother who is seriously ill and isn't saved. He is the financial support of an invalid sister.—Mrs. Malassie King, Lexington, Ky.

Me to be a consecrated Christian and always do the will of God; a backslidden brother.—A friend, Bisbee, Ariz.

A very special request; God to completely heal my body.—Mrs. Annie Dooley, Avondale Estates, Ga.

God to completely heal my eyes; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. L. A. Chitwood.

My healing. I am very nervous and sick; that our needs will be supplied, everything we had was destroyed by fire.—Mrs. E. A. Russ, Cochran, Ga.

I have two afflicted children to care for that can't talk and their minds are bad. We need your prayers. My little girl has an affliction. I have been suffering five years with varicose veins. My children need to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Laura M. Wheeler, Monroe, Va.

Healing for my mother, who is sick; an unspoken request.

That I may train my child in the right way; my unsaved brothers; my mother, father and sisters to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Bessie Cox, Knoxville, Tenn.

God to heal me of sugar diabetes, sinus trouble and rheumatism (I am a widow 67 years old); pray that the Lord will supply my needs; my unsaved children; my son in prison (a minister preached at the jail and my son was saved). Pray that he will receive the Holy Ghost.—Claudia Meads, Florence, Fla.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; the Lord to save my husband and brother.—Mrs. Elsie Dooley, Avondale Estates, Ga.

My sister, who has heart trouble; other loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. J. B. Tyndall, Goldsboro, N. C.

Me to be healed of a bad stomach trouble, and rheumatism; my wife to come back to the Lord; my children. Words of encouragement will be appreciated.—Jack Summer, Kermit, W. Va.

My healing of high blood pressure; my husband to be saved, he is a backslider.—Lillie C. Auten, Stokesdale, N. C.

A young boy, Gene McMahan, a war veteran, who has had a mental breakdown.—Mrs. A. M. Collins, Miami, Fla.

God to heal my daughter, who is suffering with appendicitis.—Mrs. L. A. Harville, Wheeler, Miss.

My grandson and daughter to be healed; our lost loved ones.—Mrs. W. J. Wood, Carlbad, N. Mex.

My two children, who have had throat and head trouble; an urgent unspoken request.—Bessie Adams, Alabama City, Ala.

My healing of weak spells, several a day, and my head is giving me trouble; my husband who is in poor health, and that he may be delivered from the tobacco habit.—Mrs. T. G. Shirley, Springville, Ala.

A friend to be saved and delivered from drinking; Mother's healing; a brother to be saved.—A reader, Blissfield, Mich.

Healing for my body.—Mrs. Hilda Bruchey, Hagerstown, Md.

My unsaved husband, who is a drunkard; my son and his wife and two others to be saved; an unspoken request.—Mary E. Jones, Murphy, N. C.

My healing of rheumatic fever, which I have had three years. I can not live much longer if God doesn't heal me; God to save my husband and two sons.—Mrs. F. G. Buchanan, LaForte, Texas.

My son, who is diseased; my daughter, who is very weak with heart trouble; another daughter, who has a bad throat.—Mrs. W. H. Gould, Livingston, Ala.

Complete healing for my body; this community; the salvation of my husband, five sons, and three daughters-in-law.—Mrs. Margie Leach, Maynard, Ark.

A man, who needs healing and the full blessing; my son overseas to be healed and have a safe return.—Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Bainbridge, Ga.

God to heal me of eczema on my hands; my unsaved husband.—Virginia Campbell, Rockmart, Ga.

My health to be restored.—Mrs. Tarrence, Pendleton, S. C.

Wife and me to get closer to the Lord and do more for Him.—H. B. Bennett and wife, Sparks, Ga.

Healing for our bodies and our children; a brother, sister, and father to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost; a very urgent request.—A sister in Christ, Sherman, Texas.

Sister Williams, whom the doctor has given only a few months to live.—Rev. Charles Huduoll, Dorothy, W. Va.

My father, who is sick most of the time; my healing; a special unspoken request; my loved ones to be saved; a dear friend who needs salvation and healing.—Lillie Mooney, Galax, Va.

God to heal my body; my sister-in-law to be healed and saved.—Ida Sprouse, Bellburn, W. Va.

The healing of my body and my daughter; an urgent unspoken request; Enola Woodard.

Mrs. Mae McHaney, Jena, La.

Mr. Luther Pennington, of Matthews, Ga., who had a stroke and is paralyzed completely on one side and seems to be growing weaker.—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Poole, Keysville, Ga.

God to heal me of T.B. and other ailments.

Bertie Smith, Calhoun, Ga.

Healing for my body, I have had the flu; my wife and Willie May Rice.—R. G. Rackley, Shannon, Ga.

God to undertake. We are going through a severe trial and need your prayers.—Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Puffenberger, Deerfield, Va.

God to heal me of T.B. and bad nerves.

Mrs. J. R. Owen, Harrisburg, Ill.

My husband who has ulcers of the stomach and nervous indigestion; my healing, so I can care for my husband and three children; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; my sister's baby who has eczema; Caylon Wynne to be faithful to the Lord.—Mrs. Ervin Elks, Grimesland, N. C.

The Lord to heal my body, I'm trusting Him completely; my loved ones to be saved.—Dorothy Yates, Bonne Terre, Mo.

The Lord to heal my throat.—Ellen V. Marky, Jensen, Fla.

An urgent unspoken request.—Sister Fannie, Naugatuck, W. Va.

God to completely heal my body and give me the Holy Ghost.—Lula Howard.

My husband, who is badly in need of salvation. He had a serious operation in January and through the mercy of God he was spared but is still unprepared. My trials are heavy and any encouraging help will be appreciated.

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• • • REVIVALS • • •

Virginia Revivals Reported During the Months of January and February

There have been some wonderful revivals in the State since the wonderful prayer conference. We tried to get the reports in last month but were unable to do so. We will try to give you a brief report of those that have been reported to the state office. Some reported last month but the letters with these reports were removed to make room for the incoming reports.

PULASKI

Brother V. W. Thomas reported a great revival last month, with Brother Pratt, of Hamilton, Ohio, as the evangelist. A great number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. They have closed this month, another revival, with Brother Towler.

The results of this meeting were not as great as some because of the terrible weather.

RADFORD

Brother Burrows reports a great revival, with Brother Pratt as the evangelist. The results were as follows: seventeen saved, seven sanctified, eight baptized with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, and the church greatly blessed.

SOUTH BOSTON

Brother Burkett reported a great revival at his place last month. Several received experiences and twelve joined the church. The work here is really on the move.

CHRISTIANSBURG

Brother Holcomb reports another great meeting at his place, with Brother Haymore as the evangelist. This is the second great revival Brother Haymore has conducted at Christiansburg. This church is also becoming a revival center.

GLAMORGAN

Brother Head reported a great revival at Glamorgan last month, resulting in several joining the church, after receiving experiences that we trust will last throughout eternity. The work here has done well under Brother Head's administration.

CLIFFVIEW

Brother Johnnie McPherson reports some great meetings at his church last

month. The work here moves forward. They now have a new radio station at Galax and Brother McPherson, in co-operation with the work at Shorts Creek, has a Saturday afternoon broadcast. Tune in and listen to a typical Church of God service on the air.

SHORTS CREEK

Brother Stone reports to the state office that they enjoyed a great revival, with Brother Booth doing the preaching. About twelve were saved and some added to the church. Those with whom I talked stated that Brother Booth did some wonderful preaching. It was during this meeting Brother Booth was stricken with a heart attack and has been in a serious condition, but thanks be to God, he is still with us. Will you please remember him in your prayers?

MT. CLINTON

Brother Shreve reports a great revival at this place. Quite a number have been saved, and the church is really encouraged. Young Brother Hudson, of Norfolk, is the evangelist.

STARKEY

Brother Stout reports another great revival at Starkey, Brother Hawkins doing the preaching. About fifteen were saved and some received the Baptism.—*The Virginian*.

CHAUNCEY, Ill.—We have just closed a very successful revival at Chauncey, with Sister Cuba Morris, of Carmi, Ill., as the evangelist. She is a real worker for the Lord. The good that was done cannot be expressed. Twenty were saved, nineteen sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church.—Rev. Kenneth Moore, pastor.

CALHOUN, Ga.—We report our February revival, with Brother W. C. Mauldin, of Marietta, Ga. The Lord surely did bless, the Holy Ghost taking charge of the services. Twenty-two were saved, nineteen sanctified, ten baptized with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. The following Sunday night, our pastor, Brother H. M. Duck, preached on "The Gate of Heaven," and several came to the altar. Three were saved, two sanctified,

two baptized with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church.

We are thankful deep down in our hearts for what the Lord has done for us. We appreciate His blessings and give Him all the glory.—Hattie P. Jackson.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—We had a very successful four weeks' revival recently, with Rev. J. R. Davis, Calhoun, Ga., as the evangelist. His messages were inspiring and helpful. Nine were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church greatly blessed. People were stirred that had not been touched in years, the altar was filled with seekers the closing night, and we feel the revival isn't over, that God has greater things for us here. We humbly thank God for it all.

We appreciate the faithfulness of our pastor, Rev. R. E. Lovelle, and his family. He has been a great blessing to us in the last four years. We have made many improvements on our church and have built a modern six-room parsonage. Brother Lovelle has worked hard for the interest of the church while attending the University of Louisville and the Seminary. He is a man who believes in progress and we thank God for him. The Lord has been with us in our efforts to win souls, and we give Him the praise.—Mrs. Ima Hawkins.

We have just closed a revival, with Brother James Adkins as the evangelist. A goodly number found the Lord, among these an elderly man, 78 years old, who had never been saved. Three were sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. At Pratt, Kans., is the only Church of God in the western half of Kansas, an area of two hundred square miles. There are about one hundred towns large enough for a church.—Rev. Riley M. Armine, pastor.

The Church of God at Caledonia, Ohio, has just closed a three and one-half weeks' revival conducted by Rev. F. W. Rollins. The revival was inspiring to our little church. Eleven were saved, nine sanctified, and seven baptized with the Holy Ghost. We were wonderfully helped and we wish to express our love and kindness to Rev. Rollins for his uplifting messages. Pray that the Lord may have His way at all times.—Rev. Florence Butcher, Caledonia, Ohio.

THE REVEALING OF THE FATHER

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ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for he is strong in power; not one faileth."

Since no man hath seen God, it is certain that no man can draw a picture or make an image that resembles Him. And man is forbidden to even attempt to make any image or likeness of Him. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Any attempt to do so would degrade Him in the eyes of the world of unconverted souls, and cause them to have a wrong and a degraded conception of Him. He cannot be compared with the gods of the heathen, which one will conclude, if one will but consider the work of His hands. God can be found of man without any special revelation of Him, for He is everywhere making Himself manifest to man, and through nature and providence is trying to show Himself to man. If a man wants Him, He can be found of him. Rom. 1:20. The invisible God is manifest by His visible works. The works which He has done and does declare His omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, His love and His benefits.

A multitude of witnesses testify to His beneficence, to the watchfulness and care that He has manifested toward the work of His hands. He is made manifest through nature, through the conscience and the things that are created by Him. In Rom. 1:23 we read that the heathen had changed the glory of the incorruptible God, by practicing idolatry; they had ignored their responsibility to God; they had disregarded the revelations of Him as given by nature, and their disrespect for Him brought on a spiritual darkness, and they began to ascribe deity to the most contemptible things their wicked minds could conceive, proving their ungratefulness to Him. Our test. Psalms 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

In the entire atmosphere enveloping the earth, where God hangs the clouds upon nothing, where the sun and moon and the stars declare the glory of God, although silent preachers they may be, yet, they speak of

God's presence and the power of His might. Man can preach for a time the gospel of God, but the firmament goes on and on silently, day unto day, and night unto night, telling the story of the majesty and glory of God. They do not reveal God in His fulness; they do not bring in the full-gospel message of Christ, but those who will look up into the heavens and heed their message, will surely believe in Him who created these things, and be enabled to accept Him through His further revelation by His Son Jesus Christ, in whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

The message of the heavens is understandable by men everywhere, of every language, of every station, for their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

DEATHS

ENGLEBERT

Sister Mary Englebert, a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God at Rome, Ga., went to be with Jesus March 1, 1947. Those who knew her will feel a great loss, but our loss is heaven's gain.—T. B. Wesson, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

CARTER

The Lord called Sister Mary Etta Carter, of Ada, Okla., to be with Him at the age of seventy-one years. She had been saved since fourteen years old and was a faithful member and mother of the local church. She was

WALDMAN

Our beloved Sister Madie Waldman went to be with Jesus. Her faithful and loyal attendance has brought sunshine to many hearts at Cedar Grove Church of God. She will be missed by all.—Rev. L. E. Kinsolving.

GERING

Matilda Alberta Gering, wife of Paul Gering, was born April 1, 1885, at Protowka, Russia, and died March 15, 1947. The funeral was conducted by Reverend Moser, pastor Apostolic Tabernacle, of Spokane, Wash., assisted by her pastor, Rev. E. E. Coleman. She joined the Church of God two weeks before her death, and testified that she felt in doing so she had received a new experience. Her consecrated life of prayer will be a great loss to the Church of God in Odessa.—Mrs. E. E. Coleman.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

ONE THING I DO

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is for the simple reason he knows we will never run forward if our eyes are turned backward. If you are constantly looking at past sins and failures, you will never go forward. The man who has never made a mistake is the man who has never attempted to do anything; yet, he made a mistake when he failed to try. The reason erasers are on pencils are so mistakes may be erased. But I hear someone say, "Brother Godwin, I cannot forget." I say you can forget. Do you remember that first love affair of yours? You felt you were sure you would marry. But she went away and you forgot her, you forgot one by remembering another. That is why Paul forgot his yesterdays. He became absorbed in the things of today.

REACHING FORTH UNTO THOSE WHICH ARE BEFORE

This is the only way to forget. We forget by becoming absorbed in today instead of yesterday. There are many things worth while ahead of us. Maybe you will say there is nothing ahead of you worth while, but I will name a few things that are ahead of you.

First, Jesus Christ is ahead of you—of us all. Maybe yesterday you rejected Him. He was in yesterday, He is also in today, and will be in tomorrow. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. You cannot find Christ in yesterday, but you can find Him today, and you may walk with Him tomorrow. Christ is ahead of you and you must look ahead if you expect to find Him, and He says to you the same words as He did to the disciples in Gethsemane, "Rise up, let us be going."

Second, eternity is ahead of you. Young man, young woman, you who are in the springtime of life, I repeat, eternity is ahead of you. To you whose hair is becoming gray, whose strength is failing, I repeat, eternity is ahead of you. You have as much time ahead of you as God has Himself. All the time the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost have ahead of them is just eternity!

If you die unprepared to meet God, you will have an eternity in which to curse yourself. If you die prepared to meet God, you will land on the blissful shores of sweet deliverance, there to enjoy the blessing of God forevermore.

Third, perfection is ahead of you. No matter how warped or broken you

may be, perfection is ahead of you, as it was the great apostle Paul, if you will only attain unto it.

The promise is, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." No graves on the hill-sides of glory, no tear-dimmed eyes, no hearts that are broken, no sick bodies; yes, perfection is ahead of you.

In conclusion, I wish to say, home is ahead of us. All the home you have now may exist in your childhood memory, or you may live in a shack by the roadside or a palatial mansion. It does not matter. Home is ahead of you. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also," 1 John

14:1-3. I trust this message will find its way to some heart, and to my friends everywhere I send greetings.

May we say with Paul, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize."

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